

## Mid-Pacific Region

### American River Water Education Center (ARWEC) at Folsom Dam

#### ARWEC's Mission

ARWEC's goal is to increase the public's understanding of the American River watershed, the water cycle, water conservation, and Folsom Dam's multiple roles in providing power, flood control, and recreation, and water for irrigation, municipal and industrial use, fish and wildlife, and other purposes. The center focuses on teaching children about these important issues in interesting ways such as through interactive sessions at the sand table, informative exhibits, water-related videos, a video tour of Folsom Dam, and water-related hands-on activities. The American River Parkway Bike Trail is adjacent to the ARWEC grounds, and visitors may walk on the bike trail to an overlook area to see Folsom Dam.



#### Folsom Dam Tours

Due to increased security guidelines and ongoing construction projects at Folsom Dam and Powerplant, dam tours have been suspended indefinitely. Folsom Dam has a long history of public education and involvement with the community, and it is hoped that at some time dam tours will again be possible. As an alternative, a program about Folsom Dam is now presented near Beals Point Park that incorporates the same information as past dam tours in a fast-paced, fun and interesting way.

#### Water Wise Garden

ARWEC offers a beautiful, water-efficient xeriscape garden. Native species, low-water use, and drought-tolerant trees, flowers and grasses are just some of the attractions featured in ARWEC's landscape design. Garden tours are available upon request.



#### Visitor Information

Located at 7785 Folsom-Auburn Road, Folsom, CA, ARWEC is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For questions or to schedule a visit, please contact the ARWEC office at 916-989-7100 or 916-989-7132, or e-mail [ibr2foodarwec@usbr.gov](mailto:ibr2foodarwec@usbr.gov), or visit ARWEC's website at [www.usbr.gov/mp/arwec](http://www.usbr.gov/mp/arwec).

#### For More Information

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